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NGA Receives Joint Meritorious Unit Award

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency received a Joint Meritorious Unit Award for the extraordinary contributions made to the warfighter and national defense from Jan. 1, 2008 to Dec. 31, 2010. The award was formally presented by Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter during a ceremony at NGA headquarters, Jan. 11.

The Joint Meritorious Unit Award is reserved for organizations that provide meritorious service, beyond that which is normally expected, or under extraordinary circumstances that involve national interests.

"NGA was a constant source of innovation, aiding our efforts in counterterrorism and counterinsurgency operations using new sensors, technologies and analytic methods," said Carter. "NGA's success on the battlefield in all phases of operations prompted many tactical commanders to declare that they would never go to war without NGA."

More than 500 NGA employees joined the Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper, Deputy Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter and NGA Director Letitia A. Long in the William Allder Auditorium.

"Every employee played an important role in NGA's extraordinary support to the warfighter, the Department of Defense and our nation," said Long. "NGA will continue to be totally dedicated to providing the highest quality GEOINT products, information and knowledge to support our many mission sets."

Reporters interested in additional information about the ceremony are requested to contact Reishia Kelsey at 571-557-9014 or 301-800-8957.

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